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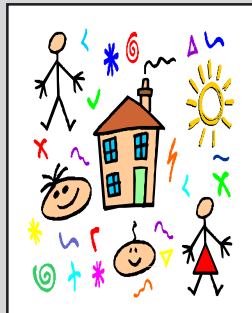
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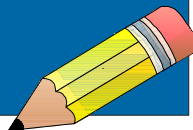
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Child Find Offers Free Children's Screening Services

One of many children's services provided by Central District Health (CDH) is the Child Find Program, which is made possible through the Idaho Infant Toddler Program. Every month, hundreds of Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) are mailed to households with children under the age of three. Child Find is a free service that screens and monitors children's growth and development from birth through three years of age. Parents receive an ASQ that asks specific questions about what their child is doing and learning at various stages of development. If the child's growth and development appears to be on track, parents are notified by mail. When a screening shows areas of concern or delay, parents are contacted and offered additional testing or evaluation at no cost.

Child Find is a valuable program for vulnerable children who experienced premature birth, low birth weight, slow growth, or difficult birth. If you have young children in your home, childcare facility, or medical practice and are concerned about their growth or development, contact the CDH Child Find Coordinator at 327-8607 for more information about this valuable free service.

Back To School



Summer is quickly approaching and before you know it, kids will be getting ready to go back to school. As you and your family prepare for vacation or school, don't forget to check vaccination records and protect yourself and loved ones from vaccine preventable diseases. If you haven't already done so, this is a good time to provide consent for entry of your vaccination records into Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS). This valuable computer-based system keeps track of immunization records so they are readily available when you need them. Many college-bound students need proof of vaccination for college entry so make an appointment to get their vaccinations and get them entered in IRIS before the summer gets away!

Did You Know

You can now document a child's chickenpox history in IRIS? With the latest upgrade, an icon has been added at the bottom of the vaccination entry screen. Click on "Add Chickenpox History" and, at the top of the screen in bright red it will say "The patient was reported to have had the Chickenpox disease." Once this has been reported, the Varicella vaccine will not appear as being needed on the forecast page.



IMMUNIZE

"We are committed to supporting an automated registry to assist families as they track their child's immunizations, to assist providers with the status of immunization for every child every time they are seen, and to provide an accurate assessment of the community's immunization level." Kathy Holley - Director, CDHD

WHOM TO CONTACT

For medical questions about vaccines for children (VFC) (schedules, updates, vaccine storage and handling, etc.) please contact:

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For user support & training of IRIS; how IRIS can benefit your clinic practice or daycare; or to schedule a demonstration of IRIS, please contact:

Glenda Call, Registry Provider Liaison
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For general immunization / registry questions or concerns, please contact:

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Our Team Can Help...

Central District Health Department's Immunization Registry Team is here to assist with all of your Immunization Registry needs. Registry demonstrations, installation and training are available Monday through Friday. We provide user support to all service providers currently using the Immunization Registry. There is NO COST for the installation and training of the Immunization Registry.

FOCUS ON... IMMUNIZATIONS

Cindy Howarth, R.N.
Immunization Program Manager

PCV7 (Prevnar) Shortage Continues

In February 2004, CDC recommended that healthcare providers temporarily suspend routine use of the fourth dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) for healthy children. The action was taken to conserve vaccine and minimize the likelihood of shortages until Wyeth Vaccines, the only U.S. supplier, restores sufficient production capacity to meet the national need for the vaccine. Since that recommendation, PCV7 production has remained below expectations due to continuing problems with the vial-filling production line. Therefore, CDC recommended temporary suspension of **both** the **third** and **fourth** doses for healthy children. Healthcare providers should continue to offer the four dose series to children with increased risk for severe disease.

Healthcare providers are encouraged to maintain lists of children for whom pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has been deferred so it can be administered when the supply allows. The highest priority for vaccination among children who have been deferred is children under 1 year who have received less than two doses.

Shortages are expected to persist throughout the summer according to CDC. For more information regarding vaccine shortages, contact CDH or visit the CDC web site at www.cdc.gov/nip/



Medical Provider
Liaison

Teresa Phillips, L.P.N.

Vaccine Documentation

Have you ever had a parent give you records from another facility and find yourself guessing about what vaccine was given? Unfortunately, this is an everyday occurrence in many provider offices.

With the never-ending changes to vaccines and vaccination schedules it is very important to document the specific vaccines administered.

As an example, a few years ago vaccine providers had available from the state two different Hib vaccines. Hib Titer, which was a four-dose series, and Pedvax Hib, which is a three dose series. If these two vaccines are not identified correctly on the immunization record, a child may not receive enough Hib vaccine or, in some cases may receive too much.

By clearly identifying which vaccine we're giving, it ultimately assures that children get the correct vaccinations and improves the accuracy of medical records in other areas, such as IRIS and billing systems.

So, as a courtesy to other medical providers and, more importantly, to better protect the children in our community, please remember to correctly document all vaccines that you administer.

As always, if you have questions that I can help with, please don't hesitate to call me at 327-8518.

Please see example of Immunization Record Book on back page.

Teresa

TERESA'S CORNER

IRIS...Frequently Asked Questions...and Answers



Q: Why is there a Hib Unspecified option in IRIS, and should I use it?

A: Please DO NOT use this option in IRIS. It is very important that the correct vaccine be entered in IRIS. If a medical record indicates, "unspecified" under the vaccine given, a medical provider will need to research it to determine which Hib was given so that the correct schedule is followed. If Comvax or Pedvax was used, please specify in IRIS. As of June 2003, the State Immunization Program stopped sending out HibTiter, so that should not be listed as an option for any Hib given past June 2003. Please call Glenda at 869-9118 if you have any questions.

Q: Since the upgrade, many changes have occurred with the search screen in IRIS. What is the best way to search for a client?

A: The best way to search for a client is be as specific as possible! You can try searching with the first initial, last initial, and date of birth. If no records are found, try searching with full first name and full last name. If still no records are found, try searching with just birth date. It is important to try all of these search options, as sometimes names are misspelled in IRIS or birth dates are entered incorrectly. We don't want duplicate records in IRIS, so if you find one, please call Glenda and we will get them resolved.

Q: I liked the old way of searching in IRIS better than the new way. Is there any way I can search using the old way?

A: Yes, you can. On the top of search page on the right hand side is an option that says, "Click here to use the 'advanced' search."

Q: What are wild cards?

A: Wild cards enable you to search if you know the last name starts with a "t" for example, but you are unsure of how to spell it or don't want to spell it out. You can put t% and that will give you ALL patients whose last name starts with a "t." If you are not sure of a spelling of the name (for instance, if it is "Peterson" or "Petersen"), then you can put _ in the place of the "o" or the "e."

Q: Should I be using the forecasting option in IRIS?

A: You can use this option if you are absolutely sure that the record is up-to-date in IRIS. With the recent upgrade, Due Now, Past Due, and Up To Date have been added.

Q: Does the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) currently send out reminders to all patients who are behind according to IRIS?

A: No, the IIP does not send reminders. This is because records are not always up-to-date in IRIS, so reminders were often being sent to patients who did not need immunizations. It was causing confusion for patients and physicians who were being called needlessly. Providers who are willing to do this can send reminders. If you would like to learn more about sending reminders for your clinic, please call Glenda and I can train you how to do this. It is very simple and does not take much time. Postcards can be ordered from the IIP and are free of charge.

Q: Can I change my password?

A: You can change your password in IRIS. Once logged in to IRIS, using your current password, go to the menu on the left hand side of the screen to an option at the bottom "Change Password". Click on this and proceed through the steps. Once you have changed it, the IIP will not be able to keep track of it for you. If you forget it, please call and we will issue you another one.

Q: I like the feature on the vaccination entry screen where we can double click in the boxes to automatically enter the date, but what if I am entering immunizations for a date other than today?

A: You can now change that date at the bottom where it says "Double-click in any date field above to enter the default date": 05/03/2004. You can change this to any date for which you are entering immunizations.

Q: I am behind in my data entry and feel like I will never get caught up! How can I get caught up so that data entry is current?

A: Central District Health can help if you are in a pinch, but please don't get too far behind before you call. For IRIS to be effective, the data must be current.

Q: What kind of data should I send you when I send data entry?

A: We need a copy of the chart or of the yellow sheet provided by the IIP. We need address information, date of birth, full name, and guardian information. The more information the better!

GLENDAS CORNER

Immunization Registry
Provider Liaison

Glenda Call



Summer is almost here and kids will soon be out of school. There will also be a new group of kindergarteners getting ready to start school for the first time! Have these little ones had all their shots? Did you know that school nurses could access IRIS and check the immunization records of school children to make sure they are up-to-date? This allows convenient access to review immunization records, and counsel parents on what immunizations are due. If you know of a school nurse who does not yet have access to IRIS, please call me at 869-9118 so we can assist them.

Child-care providers may also have IRIS access, enabling them to ensure that enrolled children are up-to-date on immunizations. This helps to keep every child in the facility healthy and safe from vaccine preventable diseases. If a child's record is not current in IRIS, the provider can send the updated record to Central District Health for entry. By having child-care facilities utilize IRIS, CDH can assure that data is accurate for every child who has IRIS consent. This will make records conveniently available even if their medical provider does not have access to IRIS. If you know of a child-care facility not yet enrolled, please let them know of this great opportunity, or call me at 869-9118 so I can contact them.

I hope you all have a great summer! Glenda



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NEW IRIS PROVIDERS

Ashley Davis Family Practice
St. Luke's Family Health
Maple Grove, Dr. Andrew Cron
Great Beginnings Child Care
Just for Kids-Shadow Hills
Just for Kids-Riverside
Kidlink Learning Center
Kim's Kare A lot Child Care
Today's Child Daycare

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Name John Doe Sex M Birthdate 11-15-03

Vaccine	DATE GIVEN							DOCTOR OFFICE OR CLINIC	DATE NEXT DOSE DUE	
	8	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB			
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	2	✓				3	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	3					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	4									
	5									
Polio PEDIARIX	1	✓				1	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2	✓				3	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	3					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	4									
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	1					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2									
Comvax Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) PEDIARIX	1					1	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2					3	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	3					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	4									
Hepatitis B PEDIARIX	1					1	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2					3	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	3					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	1					1	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2					3	15	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	3					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	4									
Varicella (Chickenpox) <input type="checkbox"/> Had disease	1					18	17	03	Cent. Dist. Health Boise, ID	
	2									
Hepatitis A	1									
	2									

PROVIDER: If using combination vaccines, remember to record dose in all appropriate spaces.

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Immunization Record Book

